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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL

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- 1. ECON COUNSELOR AND SCIENCE OFFICER MET WITH LIC. MARIA SALAZAR, NORTH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON AUGUST 31 TO REVIEW CHANGES IN TEXT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT GIVEN REF A. WE SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED HER OF OMISSION PER REF B.
- 2. LIC. SALAZAR NOTED THAT MINISTRY'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO REVIEW PROPOSED ADDITION TO ARTICLE XIII TO DETERMINE IF, IN THEIR VIEW, IT WOULD MAINTAIN 1952 AGREEMENT IN FORCE. SHE DID NOT COMMENT ON OTHER CHANGES, BUT DID SAY THAT A POTENTIAL PROBLEM MAY EXIST DUE TO AN INADVERTENT ERROR IN THE VENEZUELAN TEXT GIVEN THE AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 23 (REF C). THIS TEXT RETAINED THE REFERENCE TO "FIRMS" IN ARTICLE III, EVEN THOUGH SHE SAID IT WAS THE GOV'S INTENT AT THE TIME TO DROP THIS SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE AGREEMENT. SHE PROMISED TO ADVISE US DEFINITELY ON THIS POINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DISTRIBUTED OUR PROPOSED TEXT TO INTERESTED GOV AGENCIES, REQUESTING THEIR COMMENTS, AND PLANS A MEETING OF THESE AGENCIES TO COORDINATE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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